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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Peter M. Bonutti and James S. Hawkins

Serial No. :

**A continuation of Application Serial No. 08/470,142**

Filing Date : herewith

For : METHOD OF USING EXPANDABLE CANNULA

Group Art Unit : 3309(?)

Examiner : M. Thaler (?)

Attorney Docket No. : BON-2950-2

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### In the Specification:

Please change the title of this application from "METHOD OF USING EXPANDABLE CANNULA" to:

EXPANDABLE CANNULA

Please delete the paragraph which extends from line 3 through line 12 of page 1 of the specification and insert the following paragraph thereat:

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